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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6781

BILL NUMBER: SB 216

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 21, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Statewide Mutual Aid Program.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides for a Statewide Mutual Aid Program that allows a city, town, county, or township to request assistance from another unit in managing disaster response or recovery or conducting disaster response or recovery-related exercises, testing, or training. The bill also repeals provisions concerning mutual aid agreements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill makes it so that a county, municipality, or township will not be required to have an agreement with another unit in order to request and receive assistance from the unit in response to an emergency or disaster. Units are considered participants in the Statewide Mutual Aid Program unless a unit actively opts out of the program.

A participating unit that is requested to render assistance must do so when either a local disaster emergency is declared or upon commencement of preparedness exercises, testing, or training. Each unit receiving assistance must reimburse expenses unless the unit rendering the assistance assumes the costs, loans the equipment, or donates the services used.

The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent on local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, Municipalities, and Townships.

Information Sources:

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